

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A STUDENT
LOAN FUND.

H. J. R. No. 9.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Legislature to provide by law for the creation of a student's loan fund in each county in connection with the public schools thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article 7 of the constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3b, which shall read and be as follows, to-wit:

Section 3b. The commissioners court of each county in this state shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, when a majority of the qualified voters of such county shall vote to create such fund, to create a fund to be known as a "Students' Loan Fund," for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher state institution of learning, such fund to be created and administered by the commissioners court of each county as may be provided by law.

SEC. 2. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such county for the purpose of raising said students' loan fund, said tax not to exceed in any one year twenty (20c) cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, valuation of the property subject to taxation in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax. Provided, that if the tax is adopted, after it has been enforced for two years, an election may be held, on the order of the commissioners court, to determine whether or not said tax shall be repealed; and provided further, that it shall be the duty of the commissioners court to order such election upon a petition so to do by twenty-five per cent of the qualified tax paying voters of the county.

SEC. 3. The Legislature shall pass the necessary laws carrying into effect this provision of the constitution.

SEC. 4. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment, on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas, in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall, and he is hereby directed, to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the Amendment to Section 3 of Article 7 of

the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the commissioners court to create a 'Students' Loan Fund'," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 3 of Article 7 of the constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the commissioners court to create a 'Students' Loan Fund'."

SEC. 5. That \$5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 9 was adopted by the House March 13, yeas 100, nays 21. Was adopted by the Senate March 19, yeas 21, nays 6.]

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
RELATING TO LEVYING TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

H. J. R. No. 30.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem county tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem district tax not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. School Taxes.—One-fourth of the revenue derived from the state occupation taxes, and a poll tax of \$1.00 on every male inhabitant of this state between the ages of 21 and 60 years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual advalorem state tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this state for a period of not less than six months in each year. The Legislature may also authorize the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem county tax within the counties of this State not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property situated within the county; provided, a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, for the purpose of maintaining the public free schools of the county, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all